

## William Johnson

Services for William A. Johnson, 93, of Pierpont were held Friday, April 18, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Pierpont with the Rev. Leslie O. Hernes officiating.

Organist was Mrs. Douglas Holler. Soloist Wally Loe sang "Near to the Heart of God" and "Still, Still with Thee."

Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Charles M. Young American Legion Post No. 99 of Pierpont.

Honorary casket bearers were Milton Ask, Roy Buss, Adolph Flagtwedt, Lauris Hanson, Elias Nerland, Otto Raap and C.D. Shannon.

Active casket bearers were Dean Johnson, Kyle Johnson, Dan Knudson, Bill Schnieder, Joel Tastad and Paul Tastad.

Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Johnson died Tuesday, April 15, at the Aberdeen Nursing Center.

Mr. Johnson was born September 21, 1886, on a homestead near James, S.D. He grew up there and married Mabel Larson in October of 1923 at Aberdeen. As a young man he lived at Pierpont and worked at the bank before he began farming. He served in the U.S. Army in France and then homesteaded in Montana. He later returned to the Pierpont area where he farmed until his retirement. He was a 60-year member of the Pierpont American Legion Post and was active in local cooperatives and the Day County ASCS. He had lived at the Sundial Manor in Bristol from 1971 until June of 1979 when he became a resident of the Aberdeen Nursing Center.

Survivors include two sons, Norman, of Aberdeen; and Howard, of Englewood, Colo.; two daughters, Mrs. Jalmer (Evelyn) Tastad, of Pierpont; and Mrs. Kenneth (Ilene) Schneider of Maynardville, Tenn.; 13 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1959, two brothers, three children, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.